Repair of Railway Bridge

3132. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rail traffic on Railway Bridge on the Bhogalpur-Guwahati line was suspended for ten days recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this bridge was damaged in the floods last year;

(d) if so, whether the damaged portion of the bridge was got repaired since then; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Lying of Railway Lines

3133. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the laying work of railway lines on the Narkher-Amravati route in Maharashtra is progressing very slowly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the said work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The project is targetted for completion in the Ninth Plan period.

[English]

Construction of Railway Line

3134. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey work for construction of the railway line from Tarakeswar to Armbag under the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway would be completed by November, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Efforts are being made to complete the survey during the current year itself.

(c) Does not arise.

Fertilizer Units in the Country

3135. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fertilizer units set up in the country during the last two years till date;

(b) the number of units out of them started functioning; and

(c) the number of such units in which production is likely to be started during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b). A gas-based urea plant having a capacity of 7.42 lakh tonnes of urea per annum was set up at Babrala in U.P. in 1994-95. Another gas-based urea plant having a capacity of 7.26 lakh tonnes of urea per annum was set up at Shahjahanpur in U.P. in 1995-96.

(c) the following four units are expected to start production during the current financial year :

(i) Aonla Expansion Project of Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Society (IFFCO);

(ii) Vijaipur Expansion Project of National Fertilizers Limited (NFL);

(iii) Expansion of Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL); and

(iv) Ammonia Phase-I Retrofit of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF).

Clearance to Hotels

3136. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board had recommended to the Government for deleasing the land earmarked for hotels and motels in different States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details of the places where hotels and motels are proposed to be set up; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to allot the lands after proper environmental impact studies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has not recommended to the Government for deleasing the land earmarked for hotels and motels in different States in General. However, in case of one hotel, based on the directions from Hon'ble

Supreme Court, CPCB had constituted a Committee, which inter-alia recommended deleasing of a plot of degraded forest land procured by the hotel.

(b) and (c). The places where hotels and motels are to be set up are to be decided by the State Government/ local bodies in consultation with the concerned Central Government departments, wherever required. Guidelines have been formulated for seeking environmental clearance for 29 categories of developmental projects, including hotels. The Government gives permission for setting up of hotels on a case to case basis, after environmental appraisal of the project.

Electrification of Railway Track

3137. SHRI GIRDHARI YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the electrification of the rail track from Mughalsarai to Asansol via Patna; and

(b) the time by which the electrification work on this line is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The section Asansol to Sitarampur which is on the main trunk route is already electrified. On Sitarampur-Mughalsarai section where electrification work is on hand, 34 route kilometre from Sitarampur to Jamtara has been completed and the work in the remaining section has been taken up.

The electrification of the entire Sitarampur-Mughalsarai Section is planned for completion by March, 1999.

Rail link Connection

3138. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain areas in the country have not been connected with rail link so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to link these areas with rail connection, at least during Golden Jubilee period of the Indian Independence; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the Districts which are not connected by rail at present is attached.

(c) It would not possible to link all these areas with rail connection in time bound manner. However, completion of ongoing new lines projects will provide connection to some of these areas.

(d) Constraint of resources.

STATEMENT

(b) The details are as under :-

State	District
Bihar	Godoa
Himachal Pradesh	Chamba
	Kulu
	Kinnaur
	Sirmaur
	Bilaspur
	Hamirpur
	Lahaul-Spiti
Kerala	Wayanad
	Idukki
	Pathanamphitta
Maharashtra	Gadchiroli
Tripura	South-Tripura
Manipur	Senapati
	Bisnupur
	Thoubal
	Imphal
	Chandel
	Churachandpur
Meghalaya	West-Gerohills
	West-Khasi Hills
	East Khasi Hills
	Jaintia Hills
Uttar Pradesh	Pithoragarh
	Almora
	Chamoli
	Garwal
	Tirigarwal
	Uttarkashi
Goa	Bicholim
	Ponda
	Satari
	Gigid
Jammu & Kashmri	Chilas
	Vajarath
	Muzafarabad
	Punch
	Mirpur
Karnataka	Kodagu
Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur
Mizoram	South-Mizoram
Arunachal Pradesh	West Kameg
	Tawang
	Lowersubansiri
	Upper Subansiri
	Westsiang
	East-Siang
	Depungvalley
	Tirap
Rajasthan	Banswara